

# The Benefice of Wantage Downs East Hendred, West Hendred, and Ardington with Lockinge

5<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## Services

### 5TH MARCH – ASH WEDNESDAY

6pm – Ardington – Holy Communion with imposition of ashes

### 6TH MARCH – FIRST THURSDAY OF LENT

6:30pm – West Hendred – Compline

### 9TH MARCH – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9:30am – West Hendred – Holy Communion (CW Trad)

11am – Ardington – Holy Communion (BCP)

3:30pm – East Hendred – Family Church

### 13TH MARCH – SECOND THURSDAY OF LENT

6:30pm – West Hendred – Compline

### 16TH MARCH – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

9:30am – Lockinge – Holy Communion (BCP)

11am – East Hendred – Holy Communion (CW)

3:30pm – East Hendred – Family Church

6pm – West Hendred – Evening Prayer (CW)

### 20TH MARCH – THIRD THURSDAY OF LENT

6:30pm – West Hendred – Compline

### Readings for 9<sup>th</sup> March

Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13.

### Readings for 16<sup>th</sup> March

Genesis 15:1-12. 17-18; Philippians 3:17 – 4:1; Luke 13:31-35.

If you don't have a bible to hand, just click one of the following links and enter the reference in the search bar:

[NRSV \(Hendreds\)](#) | [KJV \(Ardington/Lockinge\)](#).

## News

### Our pattern of services

Our current schedule of Sunday services has been in place since June 2023. I am continuing to think about ways to adjust this pattern in order to make it even more consistent for each parish. I will be consulting the PCCs and various others about proposals, but do get in touch if you have thoughts or wishes. It was agreed

at West Hendred PCC last week to return to traditional language for Holy Communion and to work towards returning to the earlier service time of 9am as in the past.

*Nikolaj Christensen*

### Quarterly Quodlibets

Have questions about faith (or anything else)? Join the Anglican Rector and the Catholic Priest for a pint or to and ask 'quodlibet' or 'whatever you like'. These will be held at The Wheatsheaf in East Hendred on Wednesday at 7:30pm on the following dates: 12<sup>th</sup> March, 11<sup>th</sup> June, 10<sup>th</sup> September, 17<sup>th</sup> December.

### Trevor Bacon

It is with great sadness that we have to tell you that our father Trevor died on 16 February. Having been very healthy and fit throughout last summer, he was diagnosed with melanoma, deteriorated rapidly and passed away peacefully. There will be two services to celebrate Trevor's life, the first on Monday 17 March at 11.15 at Canford Crematorium in Bristol, then on Friday 21 March when Trevor's ashes will be interred with Val's in East Hendred Cemetery followed by a Service of Thanksgiving in St Augustine's Church at 11am. Please do join us - it would be wonderful to see you all.

*Richard and Fiona Bacon*

### Annual meetings

The annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) for each parish will take place on the following dates:

East Hendred: Sunday 4th May after the 11am service

West Hendred: Sunday 11th May after the 9:30am service

Ardington with Lockinge: Sunday 25th May after the 11am service in Ardington

Come along to hear about the work of the church in the past year, to support and thank our volunteers, and to elect new officers.

### Please remember in your prayers

**Health and healing:** Betty Beechey, Yvonne and Sidney Hawkins, Colin Stutt.

**The departed:** Trevor Bacon.

### Clergy

**Rector:** Nikolaj Christensen: [rector@wantagedowns.org](mailto:rector@wantagedowns.org) | 01235 634940 | Usual working days: Sunday–Friday. NB! Emails sent after 3pm on a Friday may not be seen until Monday.

**Associate Vicar:** John Durant: [areadean@wantagedeanery.org.uk](mailto:areadean@wantagedeanery.org.uk) | 01235 234001

### Church Wardens

**Ardington:** Patrice Vogt: [Patrice\\_vogt@yahoo.fr](mailto:Patrice_vogt@yahoo.fr) **Lockinge:** Thomas Loyd: [tloyd@lockinge-estate.co.uk](mailto:tloyd@lockinge-estate.co.uk); Liz Townsend: [liztownsend@qi.com](mailto:liztownsend@qi.com)

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**Church Office:** [office@wantagedowns.org](mailto:office@wantagedowns.org), Open: 9am-1pm Monday, 1pm-4pm Wednesday, 9am-1pm Friday.

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